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Rancho Plat 434

Tps. 1 - 2 S Rs 14 & 15 W. S.B.M.

FIELD-NOTES.

-OF-

The final survey of the

RANCHO LA BALLONA

Agustin-Machado, et.al., Confirmee.

-BY-

Henry Hancock, Deputy Surveyor.

Under his instructions of April 17, 1857.

Survey Commenced July 14, 1858.

Survey Completed July 19, 1858.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

I, Henry Hancock, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the final survey of the Rancho La Ballona, according to the instructions given me and to the best of my skill and ability.

HENRY HANCOCK.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid this thirteenth day of July, A.D., 1858.

: SEAL : R.H.DIMMISK,

Notary Public.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

We, John Warren and Benjamin Virgin, do solemnly swear that we will execute the duties of chain carriers; that we will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins, whether by sticking or dropping the same; that we will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that we may assist in measuring to the best of our skill and ability.

JOHN WARREN.

BENJAMIN VIRGIN.

Sworn to and subscribed by the above named persons before me at camp, Tp.1 S. of the Base line of ranges 10 W. of the San Bernardino Mer-

idian, this thirteenth day of July, 1858.

HENRY HANCOCK,

Deputy Surveyor.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

We, Ebenezer Hadley, as compassman, and Ramon Mendibil, as axeman, do solemnly swear that we will well and faithfully execute the duties, respectively of compassman and axeman, according to instructions given us and to the best of our skill and ability.

EBENEZER HADLEY - - Compassman.

RAMON MENDIBIL - - Axeman.

Sworn to and subscribed by the above named persons before me at camp, township 1 south of the base line of range 10 west of the San Bernardino Meridian, this thirteenth day of July, 1858.

Henry Hancock,

Deputy Surveyor.

FIELD-NOTES

Of the final survey of the

"RANCHO LA BALLONA"

In the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Confirmed to Agustin Machado, et.al.

Surveyed by Henry Hancock.

Commenced the fourteenth day of July, 1858, at the second point named in the description of the Decree of Confirmation, to-wit:

On a high conical hill constituting the northwest terminus of the range of hills on the east at a pile of rubble rock, each some nine inches in diameter, one of the claimants of the adjoining Rancho (Don Francisco Higuerra) being present and admitting that they constituted one of the landmarks between the two Ranchos; also admitting generally the lines claimed by Agustine Machado.

Variation 13°30'east.

Thence:-

S.21¼ E. 107.21 To a sandstone rock 20 inches diameter and two small rocks, the line running for the first 80 chains along the north face of the crest of the ridge and the remainder of the distance on the same to Station No.2.

		Thence:-
S.48½° W.	100.00	To base of hills.
	108.00	To base of spur from the east.
	125.00	To a point on the spur from the northeast and drove a stake for Station 3, some 4 chains south of a lake of water, some 15 chains long by 5 wide.

		Thence:-
S.23¾° W.	4.00	To Station No.4 and drove a stake, having crossed at 1.50 a road, course east.

		Thence:-
S.76½° W.	3.00	Entering mouth of a Cañada, from the northeast.
	3.50	Cross a stream 14 links wide, course south.
	8.08	Intersect the east boundary of township 2 south of the Base line of range No.15 west of the San Bernardino Meridian 11.50 chains north of quarter section corner on the east boundary of section 24, and drove a stake and charred stake at point of intersection.
	35.00	Across Cañada to north base of hills.
	34.08	To a large rock shown by Senor Machado, as one of the points of juridical possession, and Station 5.

		Thence:-
S.24¾° W.	32.00	To station 6 and drove a stake on the northwest base of hills.
		Thence:-
S.72½° W.	32.33	Along the base of the hills to Station 7, and drove stake.
		Thence:-
S.66½° W.	19.62	Along the north base of hills to a point shown as the north-east corner of a decayed corral of Don Agustin Machado, and drove stake for Station 8.
		Thence:-
S.64¼° W.	19.50	To Station 9 and drove stake at base of hills.
		Thence:-
S.54½° W.	5.00	To a point opposite the head of a bay on the southwest.
	23.00	Set stake for Station 10, 30 links east of bay and on west base of the hills. From this station the average bearing of the northeast shore of the bay is about northwest and at about 100 chains the Ballona Creek discharges itself into the bay.

		Thence:-
S. 9¾ W.	17.00	To a point on east base of hills, some 6 chains from the east shore of the lake and drove stake for Station 11.
		Thence:-
S.53 W.	17.33	To a point some 80 links east of bay shore at north base of hills, and drove stake for Station 12.
		Thence:-
N.81 W.	6.00	To a point some 60 links south of bay shore, and drove stake for Station 13.
		Thence:-
N.52¾ W.	14.50	To Station 14 and set stake on shore of bay.
		Thence:-
S.73 W.	8.00	To Station 15 and drove stake.
		Thence:-
S.28½ W.	5.00	To Station 16 and drove stake some 50 links from shore of the bay.
		Thence:-
S.60¾ W.	21.00	To Station 17 and drove a stake.
		Thence:-
S.82½ W.	7.00	To Station 18 and drove stake on north base of high hills,

		from which a pass in sand hills bears north 88 3/4 west.

		Thence:-
S.52 W.	15.00	To Station 19 at north base of high hills and drove stake.

		Thence:-
S.82 W.	10.00	To Station 20 and drove stake at edge of bay.

		Thence:-
S.60¾ W.	8.00	To Station 21, on shore of bay and north base of high hills and drove stake.

		Thence:-
S.50¾ W.	9.00	To Station 22 and drove a stake.

		Thence:-
S.43¼ W.	11.50	Leave shore of bay and enter sand hills 8 and 10 chains wide extending far northwesterly.
	19.50	To east shore of inlet and drove stake for Station 23, from which the east shore of inlet ranges about north 20 west, some 8 or 10 links wide for about 130 links.

		Thence:-
		In order to ascertain the distance across the inlet I

			traversed and tabled for it, and found for course and distance.
S.45°09'	W.	8.21	To Station 24 on west shore of inlet and drove stake and charred stake.
			Thence:-
N.25½	W.	43.00	To Station 25 at high water mark on shoal water bay of the Pacific Ocean, and drove stake.
			Thence:-
N.29¾	W.	65.00	To Station 26 and drove stake at high water mark.
			Thence:-
N.35½	W.	160.00	To Station 27 and drove stake at high water mark.
			Thence:-
N.39½	W.	30.00	To Station 28 and drove stake.
			Thence:-
N.41½	W.	30.00	To Station 29 and drove stake at high water mark.
			Thence:-
N.37¼	W.	6.00	To Station 30 and drove stake at high water mark.
			Thence:-
N.62	W.	1.56	To a point opposite the mouth

		of the first barranca or gully and set a post for the north-west corner of the rancho and Station 31.

		Thence:-
N.49 E.	2.00	To base of southerly side of a barranca on an average 1 chain wide with banks about 30 feet high, from north.
	78.00	To a pile of rocks on the high rolling table land extending southeast a distance of about a mile and terminating in low table land bordering on the Ballona Bay, which bay has its northwest terminus at a distance of about 100 chains. South-east of this point, set stake for Station 32.

See Plat		Thence:-
N.37°1'E.	142.91	To Station 33 and four large rocks.

		Thence:-
N.59 E.	136.64	To 3 large rocks, each some 15 inches in diameter and Station 34, having at 82.50 crossed a road, course west and at 80 chains 24 links intersected the south boundary of section 34, township 6 south, range 15 west, 19chains and 93 links west of the ¼ sec.corner.

		Thence:-
N.59½ E.	52.00	To three rocks each some 18 inches in diameter, and Station 35.
		Thence:-
N.63 E.	2.41	To Station 36 on point agreed upon as the place where the alano or cottonwood tree formerly stood and drove a stake for the most northerly point in the boundary of the rancho, from which a willow tree 24 inches diameter, bears south and east, distant 3.32.
		Thence:-
S.57½ E.	39.00	To a point opposite and some 2.00 east of a dry bed of a lake 10 chains from east to west and about 3, from north to south.
	44.50	To a point opposite to and cutting the southeast corner of lake.
	62.30	Cross road, course east.
	90.00	To center of ravine 30 feet deep.
	113.56	To Station 37, some 150 links north of a bunch of tunas and drove stake and charred stake. At 96.00 intersected the S.boundary of sec.36, T.1 S.of the base line of range No.15 W.of the S.B.M., 12.58 W.of ¼ sec.cor, and drove stake and charred stake at intersection.

		Thence:-
S.54¾ E.	45.79	Intersected the west boundary of township 2 south of the Base line of range No.14 west of the San Bernardino Meridian. 36.75 south of the northwest corner of said township and drove stake and charred stake at point of intersection.
	86.59	To a rock 2½ feet long, 18 inches wide and 12 inches thick embedded in earth and said to have been placed there at the time of giving judicial possession, and make it Station 38.
		Thence:-
S.59½ E.	9.50	To timber.
	11.50	Cross stream of water 18 links wide, skirted with sycamore timber, course southwest.
	18.50	Cross road, course southwest to base of hills some 300 feet high and leave timber.
	38.81	To Station No.1 or place of beginning.

Completed July 19, 1858.

The land adjoining the line from Station 1 to Station 2 is claimed by both the claimants of the Rancho Rincon de los Bueges and of the Rancho La Cienega Y Tijira all of whom agree to the lines as now run between them and the owners of La Ballona.

The owners of the Rancho Sousal Reddonda were duly notified by the delivery of a written notice of Señor Don Juan Padilla, their agent, who protested against the lines as run from where the line between stations 4 and 5 cuts the small stream of water to the sea beach, but he introduces no testimony and from what I am able to learn after a thorough investigation of the transcripts of the proceedings, papers and evidence before the U.S. Land Commission, in the cases of the two Ranchos La Ballona and Sousal Redondo, together with the papers and evidence on file in the office of the Clerk of the U.S.District Court for the Southern District of California, there appears to me to be no foundation for a protest but on the contrary there is sufficient proof of the fact that in that portion of the boundary of the Rancho La Ballona the lines as run in this instance are as Señor Machado alleges, and also as proved by the declarations of Senores Don Manuel Dominguez and Baseldo Valdez, the former having been the Alcaldo, who gave the judicial possession of the Rancho La Ballona and the latter one of his assistants. The said Senor Don Juan Padilla, declines filing any written protest in this matter.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

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The northern portion of this Rancho consists of gently undulating land, affording good grazing and is well adapted to the growth of cereal crops.

The southern portion is of a strong first rate soil and for the most part irrigable land.

REMARKS.

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The inner bay may very properly be styled, an interior lake, for as previously stated, in the foregoing notes, the connection with the sea is often obstructed.

A list of the names of the persons who ~~who~~ assisted in running, measuring the lines and boundaries of the said Ranchos of La Ballona, exhibiting the respective capacities in which they acted.

EBENEZER HADLEY - Compassman.
JOHN WARREN - Chainman.
BENJAMIN VIRGIN - Chainman.
Ramon Mendibil - Axeman.

We, hereby certify that we assisted Henry Hancock, Deputy Surveyor, in the execution of the final survey of the Rancho called "La Ballona", situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and township No. 2 scuth of ranges 14 and 15 west of the San Bernardino Meridian; and that said Rancho has been in all respects, well and faithfully surveyed, and the boundary monuments together with the monuments at the intersections of the lines of the Public Surveyed Lands, are planted according to instructions furnished by the Surveyor-General.

EBENEZER HADLEY - - Compassman.

JOHN WARREN - - - - Chainman.

BENJAMIN VIRGIN - - Chainman.

RAMON MENDIBIL - - Flagman.

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named persons, before me at camp, township 1 south of the Base line of range 10 west of the San Bernardino Meridian this twentieth day of July, 1853.

HENRY HANCOCK,
Deputy Surveyor.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.) Sct.

I, Henry Hancock, Deputy Surveyor, do solemnly swear that, pursuant to instructions issued to me by John C. Hayes, Surveyor-General of the Public Lands of the United States for the State of California, of date the seventeenth day of April, 1857, and in strict conformity to the laws of the United States, I have faithfully executed the final survey of the Rancho called "La Ballona" situated in the County and State aforesaid, confirmed to Agustin Machado, et.al., and do further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original notes of such survey.

HENRY HANCOCK,

Deputy Surveyor.

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Henry Hancock, before me a Notary Public, in and for County and State aforesaid, this twenty-third day of July, A.D., 1858.

: SEAL :

K.H.DIMMISK,

Notary Public.

U.S.SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, California.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript has been correctly copied from the original field-notes as the same appear of record and on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused my seal of office to be affixed this seventeenth day of February, 1882.

: SEAL :

THEO. WAGNER,

U.S.Surveyor-General,

For California.